



Yeovil Town Supporters Society Ltd (Glovers Trust)

Minutes of meeting, 8th March 2017

The 94 Club, Yeovil

Present

Brendon Owen (BO)

Stuart Burrell (SB)

Hugh Male (HM)

Dean Mountain (Minutes)

Adam Forster (AF)

Joe Fischer (JF)

Catherine Reed (CR)

Simon Brimble (SBr)

Olly Jennings (OJ)

Andy Richardson (AR)

Apologies

Rod Jones (RJ)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

BO opened the meeting at 19:35. BO placed on record his thanks to Paul Binding for all the hard work he has put in to get the Trust set up and established, in particular his fundraising efforts. The Board expressed their regret at his decision to resign and conveyed their thanks for his work. CR stated on Paul's behalf his regret and passed on his apologies.

BO discussed his reply to a Facebook post made by a Glovers Trust member, which he admitted was not made in a professional manner. As a result BO offered his resignation as Chairman. There was unanimous support from other Board members that this should not happen. AF reminded Board members of the importance of behaving in a professional and civil manner when representing the Trust. He felt repair work needed to be done, in particular explaining to Members how the Trust uses its funding and the challenges it has faced.

Minutes of previous meeting and Matters arising

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

Actions from the previous meeting have been completed, although SBr is waiting to get more information about the Yeovil Beer Festival. AF confirmed that he has completed and submitted the Supporters Direct Survey.

Finance

The current balance of the Glovers Trust bank account is £6,344. £36.50 from the most recent 50/50 draw is yet to be paid in. The membership renewal for Supporters Direct (£100) is due to be paid - there is an option to donate additional funds but it was agreed not to do this at the moment.

Action: SBr to make payment to Supporters Direct ASAP.

Richard Williams has prepared an Income and Expenditure Statement for the Trust, up to 28th November 2016. The Trust has not yet appointed an Auditor for the accounts.

Action: SBr to contact the Auditor suggested by AR.

Report on the Glovers Trust meeting with YTFC

Minutes of the meeting have been published on the Glovers Trust website. There are a number of actions agreed by YTFC - JF spoke of his concern about the lack of deadlines attached to these, making it more difficult to hold the Club to account. AF stressed the importance of following the actions up with the Club on a regular basis. AR stated that the Trust had now had 3 meetings with YTFC with few results and felt that we need to highlight the challenges we face to our members.

During the meeting John Fry expressed his preference for the Trust to join the existing Supporters Alliance Group, mainly to limit the number of supporters meetings taking place. The possibility of joining the Alliance if the terms could be changed to preserve the Trust's independent status was raised, but after discussion it was agreed to stand by the previous decision not to join, but to monitor the situation. AR suggested a Board member could attend in a 'consultant' capacity in future.

Corporate Funding

Board members updated JF on where publicity material had been placed. JF asked that application forms be initialled to enable him to monitor where interest is being generated. JF suggested we purchase a heat-bend laminator.

It was agreed to print an additional 250 membership forms.

Action: SB to arrange this with Remus.

JF has spoken to potential corporate members, and asked about when corporate memberships run from/to. It was agreed that corporate membership would run for 1 year from the date of joining.

Action: SB to update membership database with details of corporate expiry dates.

SB has spoken to a financial advisor who would like to become a corporate member and join the Trust's Tradesperson scheme. It was agreed to charge the usual corporate membership charge, rather than accept a percentage of the fee that would be charged to Glovers Trust clients.

Partnership with YTFC Ladies

BO and SBr have met with representatives of YTFC Ladies. It was a very positive meeting, with both sides keen to work together. One potential area would be the existing Community scheme delivered by the Ladies. This involved the team captain visiting local schools to run courses focusing on football and nutrition. In total this should involve 2,500 children across 39 visits. It was felt that this was in line with the aims of the Glovers Trust and agreed that this would be a positive way of working together – with the Trust possibly offering a donation to support this work. A sub-committee (comprising of SBr, JF, AR and HM) was set up to meet with YTFC Ladies to take this forward.

YTFC Ladies have invited the Trust to have a stall at their first game of the season against Liverpool.

Legal charge

BO has contacted Supporters Direct with information he has put together with help from Trust members regarding the recently identified legal charge placed on YTFC by Norman Hayward. Solicitors acting on behalf of Supporters Direct have replied to BO with their initial findings. So far nothing especially unusual has been identified with the charge, however their corporate team are going to look into this further. The Board agreed that this is worth looking into further, even if there is a cost implication to the Trust.

AR has been looking into the three companies involved in the running of YTFC, in particular their ownership status and financial position. From this he has come up with a list of questions to put to YTFC. It was agreed that the Trust will wait until the full set of 2016 accounts are published before finalising the key questions to put to the Club.

The Arrow

AR has contacted the Manager of The Arrow, who is open to the Trust having a presence in the pub prior to home games. The Board agreed that this would be a good way of meeting new and potential members. The GT stand in the beer tent would also continue. BO suggested contacting members to see if anyone is able to help run either of the stands.

Any Other Business

CR will start the Easter raffle in the beer tent prior to the next home game. The raffle will be on a smaller scale than the Xmas one, and will be drawn on Monday 17th April.

CR suggested selling the pin badges on eBay - the price will be dependent on fees/postage costs.

The Board discussed an open meeting to promote the Trust to existing and potential members, possibly to be held at the Arrow or Labour Club. It was agreed that this should be scheduled after the Trust sends out its open letter to YTFC.

JF requested that Membership be included as a standing item on the Agenda for Board meetings.

SB has been asked by Steven at the Western Gazette to promote the supporters column in the paper to Trust members.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th March 2017, 7:30pm, The 94 Club